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PRESS RELEASE

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Inmate Death

(North Charleston, SC): The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and the Charleston County Coroner's Office are investigating the death of an inmate who was housed at the Sheriff Cannon Detention Center.

An inmate was housed in housing unit B40 and began complaining about chest pains and having difficulty breathing. The inmate was escorted to the detention center medical facility and subsequently, transported to the Medical University of South Carolina by Charleston County Emergency Medical Services, where the inmate later died.

The inmate was booked in to the Sheriff Cannon Detention Center on February 15, 2016 by Charleston Police Department on an outstanding bench warrant for an open container.

As a standard practice of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, whenever an incident involves an in-custody death or a use of force resulting in a death, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division is requested to conduct an investigation in to the incident. The identification of the inmate and the autopsy will be handled by the Charleston County Coroner's Office.

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